

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Elba community and American Red Cross to sponsor blood drive on Tuesday

While the lazy days of summer find many regular or potential blood donors enjoying outdoor activities and vacations, the lives of hospital patients still depend on blood every day. The Elba community and the American Red Cross are sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, July 6, at the Elba 1st United Methodist Church from 3-6 p.m. in the township hall. All of us here in Elba and surrounding communities are asked to give an hour of our time to the Red Cross on Tuesday to donate a pint of blood. None of us know

when and where we may need life saving blood. Seventy-five percent of us will need a blood transfusion during our lifetime, but only 5 percent of the population donate. The Red Cross works around the clock, seven days a week to ensure our local hospitals that their blood needs are met.

The week of July 5th will be a busy one for us all but we can't ignore our communities needs. Please donate blood on Tuesday, July 6th.

## Consumer Product Safety Commission announces recall of Star Wars toys

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Hasbro Inc., of Pawtucket, R.I., is voluntarily recalling about 618,000 Star Wars Lightsaber toys for repair. The spring in the battery compartments of these toys can dislodge, causing the batteries to overheat or rupture. This can cause burns to consumers.

Hasbro has received 38 reports of Lightsaber batteries overheating, including six reports of batteries rupturing. There are three reports of minor burns to consumers, and one consumer reported experiencing eye irritation.

There are two models of Lightsaber toys involved in this recall. The Darth MaulTM Double-Bladed Lightsaber has retractable red plastic "light blades" on both sides of a metallic-gray hand grip. When the blades are fully extended, the toy is 5 feet long. The Qui-Gon JinnTM Lightsaber has a single retractable "light blade" made of green plastic that extends from a metallic-gray hand grip to about 3

feet. Both Lightsaber toys operate with two "C" batteries. The plastic blades on double-bladed Lightsaber light-up when struck against another object, and the single-bladed Lightsaber stays continually lit when turned on. Both feature energy "humming" and "charge-up" and motion-activated battle sounds.

Mass merchandise and toys stores nationwide sold these Lightsabers from May 1999 through June 1999 for \$20 to \$30.

Consumers should stop using these Lightsabers immediately, and call Hasbro to get a free repair kit. The repair kit contains instructions on how to install a battery protector. To get this repair kit or for more information, consumers should call Hasbro at (888) 690-6141 anytime, or go to their website at [www.hasbro.com](http://www.hasbro.com). Consumers also can write to: Hasbro Lightsaber Repair Program, P.O. Box 200, Pawtucket, RI 02862.

Lightsabers currently being sold with the sticker, "Now with battery protector" are not part of this recall.

## This summer, read to succeed

by Richard W. Riley



Even during the summer months, Vernon Winfrey saw to it that his teenage daughter - already an avid reader - read a book and wrote a book report each week. Many books and reports later, Oprah Winfrey began her broadcasting career at a Nashville radio station.

Today, Oprah Winfrey, talk show host, philanthropist, entertainment executive - still spends her spare time reading.

Many children are also reading in the summer. Adults can offer stimulating experiences to children who want to read. Whether it's a weekly outing to the library, museum, or bookstore, adults who pay attention to children's interests can make a difference.

When outings aren't possible, make virtual trips with a computer. Many public libraries, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Neighborhood Networks, or community centers are wired to the Internet. Adults and children can travel together on the information superhighway.

Sometimes of course, ideal levels of parent involvement aren't possible. The kids may be out of school, but work for moms and dads continues. That's why the U.S. Department of Education's American Reads Challenge has asked youth and community organizations, retired citizens, and other

when hard-won skills can be quickly erased.

Even without the structure of the school day, there are still lessons to learn. Summer is the perfect time to capitalize on children's natural curiosity and engage them in activities of all kinds. Kids can use the break from school to explore their interests through books and computers. But it shouldn't be a self-guided expedition. Involvement from parents or other caring adults is critical to success.

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Reading is a skill that must be taught, supported, and sustained. Supporting children's reading activities - even simply reading daily with a child - requires substantial commitment from parents, older brothers and sisters, and caring adults such as grandparents. This is particularly true during the summer

Registration for 2nd mini-term of summer open at ESJC

Registration for the second mini-term in this summer semester is open at Enterprise State Junior College. Students may pick up the second part of sequence courses such as English Literature II, Principles of Accounting II, Principles of Economics II, Western Civilization II, United States History II, College Chemistry II and Physical Science II. Other courses are also offered, such as Introduction to Anthropology, Criminal Investigation, Ethics and Society, Human Growth and Development, and College Reading. For more information about registering for second mini-term classes or being admitted to ESJC, call the main campus at 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234 or at the Ft. Rucker campus, 334-598-3438.

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## Meat Johnson recalls on batch of ProSobee 8 ounce ready-to-use infant formula

Meat Johnson Nutritional, Inc. is keeping its commitment to infant safety and healthy nutrition to infants, is informing parents about a recent product labeling error.

As a precaution, the company is recalling one batch (approximately 7,000 cases) of 8-ounce ready-to-use ProSobee infant formula sold in 4-packs of fiberboard cartons. All other forms of ProSobee - powder, liquid concentrate and 32 ounce ready-to-use - are not affected.

The batch in question, coded INOV99/PROS08/KN3, began shipping to stores late last year. One can in the batch was found to be mislabeled as ProSobee when in fact it contained Vanilla Sustacal bearing code IMAY00NSUST/KN43H. Sustacal, an adult nutritional supplement, contains both milk and soy proteins. It is not known if other cans are mislabeled but there is the possibility that a few more cans may be mislabeled.

ESJC's Youth College to be held July 12-16 on Ft. Rucker campus

Enterprise State Junior College's famous and popular Youth College will be held in the NEW Fort Rucker Campus classrooms, Building #4502, July 12-16. Students in grades three through eight will enjoy exciting and stimulating classes such as *Mem. I Blew Up the Science Lab*, *In the Pottery Shoppe*, *Darkroom Magic*, *Crazy About Computers*, *Art Factory*, *Cartoons and Caricatures*, and more. Each course has a \$20 registration fee and is limited to 10-25 students. Some classes also have additional supply fees. If a student registers for three classes, he or she will receive a free Youth College T-shirt. To register, parents must come by the ESJC Administration Building in Enterprise or the ESJC office at Fort Rucker in Building #4502 on Kingsman Street. No registrations will be taken over the telephone. Parents MUST also bring children's social security numbers in order to register him/her for classes. Fees are due at the time of registration. Grade levels refer to the grade the child will enter in the fall of 1999.

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## Coffee County School System's SAT Test Scores show improvement

by Marvin McLain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its second annual meeting last Wednesday, June 30, with the majority of the discussion on student testing results.

Superintendent of Coffee County Schools, Roger Bowden said, "Overall, the students performed well."

In comparing this past year's results with the 1996-97 scores, the students showed an overall improvement of 6 percentage points.

Supt. Bowden said the numbers were encouraging; however, we still need more work.

"We must always strive to do better," he said.

The tests are the Stanford Achievement Series combined with the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, and the scores are used as a guide or "measuring stick" as to how well the schools are doing in educating the students.

Bowden told board members that in grades three, five, six, seven and nine, there was an improvement over last year's scores, but in three grades - four, eight and eleven - there was a slight drop.

He said all grades, with the exception of grade 10, scored at or above the national average. Tenth grade students' overall score was only slightly lower.

Total Reading: Grade 3 - 58; Grade 4 - 56; Grade 5 - 58; Grade 6 - 55; Grade 7 - 55; Grade 8 - 54; Grade 9 - 45; Grade 10 - 39; Grade 11 - 43.

Total Mathematics: Grade 3 - 65; Grade 4 - 63; Grade 5 - 68; Grade 6 - 75; Grade 7 - 56; Grade 8 - 44; Grade 9 - 54; Grade 10 - 39; Grade 11 - 43.

Language: Grade 3 - 61; Grade 4 - 55; Grade 5 - 60; Grade 6 - 67; Grade 7 - 66; Grade 8 - 57; Grade 9 - 60; Grade 10 - 52; Grade 11 - 57.

Science: Grade 3 - 65; Grade 4 - 56; Grade 5 - 66; Grade 6 - 67; Grade 7 - 68; Grade 8 - 60; Grade 9 - 54; Grade 10 - 53; Grade 11 - 42.

Social Science: Grade 3 - 55; Grade 4 - 55; Grade 5 - 60; Grade 6 - 65; Grade 7 - 57; Grade 8 - 55; Grade 9 - 51; Grade 10 - 47; Grade 11 - 54.

Statewide, the Coffee County School System was ranked 19th (tied with 6 other schools and/or systems) with an average SAT score of 57. The highest SAT test score average in the state was 86 (Mountain Brook) and the lowest was 31 (Lowndes County).

The administration will study the test results and make any changes that they feel will produce better results on next year's test scores.

Turning to other matters of business, the board amended the budget to reflect an increase in health insurance rates and added costs to cover an additional two annual in-service days for teachers.

The plans to construct a new baseball field at Zion Chapel High School were discussed and Supt.

Bowden reported on an on-site observation by state, county and school officials. It was decided that the superintendent should proceed with preliminary plans for the work to be performed by National Guard units during summer camp exercises. Also, at the suggestion of county highway department officials, it was approved to do some preliminary work to see if the site was suitable for excavation. It was noted that it would be next summer before the guards would be able to begin any work on the project should it be deemed okay to do so.

Supt. Bowden reported that as of July 1st, the Alabama Child Protection Act has been implemented. The act mandates that background checks be made on any individual seeking employment with a school system regardless of whether it be as a teacher, support person or bus driver. No person will be hired who has a record of abusing children in any manner. These checks will be made by the Alabama Bureau of Investigation, as well as, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The board awarded contracts for new computer equipment, and the supplying of bread and dairy products for the up-coming school year. Gulf Coast Computer Services was the low bidder on 30 - 40 computers

at \$39,000 and Colonial Bread Company and Barber Milk were successful bidders on supplying school with bread and milk.

Board members also approved the implementation of the new promotion and retention policy presented to them for review in the June 14 meeting.

Finally, Bowden told board members that it appeared construction of the new classrooms - six at Zion Chapel and six at New Breckton - would possibly begin in August. Final plans will be submitted to the board for its approval at the next meeting.



**GRAND OPENING...** The Dollar Bee Employees of the new business located Thursday, July 1, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The owners and employees of the new business located in downtown Elba on the square welcomed everyone and treated them with refreshments and entertainment. The business is in the building formerly occupied by Riverside Market and Whitman Drug. Dollar Bee promises to take the "sting" out of prices with every item costing \$1.00 or less. Those in attendance for the ribbon cutting are pictured above. They are (l-r): Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Dawn Austin Chamber Greeter; Kerry Johnson; Jack Bell, owner; Doris Matthews; Frances Bradshaw; Courtney Parrish; Little Miss Elba; Donnie Morrow, Elba City Clerk (standing in for the mayor); Nikki Fuller, Future Little Miss Elba; Glenda Jackson; Mike Parker; Pam Bell, manager of The Dollar Bee; Jimmy Harrison; Essie Bell; Debbie Richardson; Keith Bell; Joel Matthews; Sonya Smith; and Herby McCall.

## Republicans select straw poll delegates

by Marvin McLain, Editor

Coffee County Republicans met on Saturday, June 26, to select delegates who will attend Alabama's first Republican Presidential Straw Poll.

On August 28, 1999, Birmingham will be the gathering place for 3,008 delegates and 602 alternates from across the state. They will listen to those Republican candidates for president who chose to come to Alabama and address the group. They will then cast a "ballot" for their favorite.

Because Alabama holds its primary in June (next year), the field of candidates has usually narrowed by that time and the state's

Republicans have had little say so in the process.

Coffee County GOP Chairman Al Patterson feels that by holding an early "straw poll convention" the local party can play a bigger role in selecting the next Republican candidate for president.

According to local Republicans, this will be the first poll of its kind in the South and should attract a lot of attention.

The convention in Birmingham will be open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is encouraged to do so; however, only the 3,008 "official delegates" or alternates will be allowed to cast a ballot in the straw poll.

Coffee County's delegation will be made up of all Republican elected officials which consists of the following: Congressman Terry Everett, Probate Judge William O. Gammill, District Attorney, Mark Fuller, Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, County Commissioner-District 2 Kaye Lewis, County Commissioner-District 6 Len Averett, County Commissioner-District 7 Tom Grimsley, and Republican Chairman Albert Patterson.

In addition to the elected officials, the following thirty-five individuals were chosen to represent local Republicans. They are: Dwight Adams, Leslie A. Adams, Wm. P. Ayer, Joan F. Ayer, Jason Bruce, Jack Branson, Charmine W. Carter, William L. Carter, Barbara G. Everett, Mitzi Ferguson, Norman Ferguson, Ben B. Henderson Jr., Oliver Heath Sr., Elsie Hilton, Roy Hilton, Janice Hughes, Moses Kim, Christine Lindsey, Randy Lunsford, James L. Locke, Sharon L. Locke, Anita Metcalf, Kevin M. Moore, Garrett Moore, Billy Murdock, Maxwell McCullar, Lance Oliver,

David M. Patterson, Jackie Judy Phillips, Robert Shaw, Lawrence Tessier, Jackie Thompson, William Voth, Mary Wallace, and Lynn A. White.

The county's seven alternate delegates will be selected from people who are active in the local Republican party but were unable to

## NEWS BRIEF

The search continues for the "missing six" which have not been seen or heard from for two months. The six individuals are: Lamar James Stackhouse, Angela Roberts Young, and Eula Jossett Lee all residents of Enterprise; James Anthony Reynolds of Webb, Ala.; Valerie Jones McCoy of Daleville, Ala.; and Tamara Monique Ward of Ozark, Ala.

They were last seen on May 8 at approximately 3:15 a.m. as they were leaving a local nightclub in Opp, Ala. Investigators with the Enterprise Police Department, which is spearheading the investigation, reports no new leads have come in. A total reward of \$10,500 has been offered for information leading to the whereabouts of the missing individuals. Anyone having any information about any of these missing persons or the circumstances concerning their disappearance is asked to contact the Enterprise Police Department at 347-1211 ext. 214, the District Attorney's office or the nearest law enforcement agency.

Write Percy Ross, c/o the Elba Clipper, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Elba is a great place to live... and is loaded with good, loyal friends, especially for those who are friendly themselves. Example: Tuesday morning a group of folks who regularly drink coffee and eat breakfast at the Ranch House early in the morning decided to pay a visit to Fred Lee's house, since their regular early morning oasis was still closed for the holiday. Now Fred has been having some bad medical problems lately and unable to join his regular Ranch House breakfast crew for the last several weeks. At 6:30 a.m. Tuesday about a dozen of these regulars drove up to the Lee home in Brookdale, broke out the eggs and bacon and began cooking. They served eggs, bacon, sausage (pork and deer), biscuits, tomato gravy and lots of coffee. Of course they didn't dare mess up Annie Mae's kitchen, so they did their cooking and eating outside. Fred, who is on the mend now, joined them for the eating and a limited amount of the usual arguing and swapping of stories (local Elba spelling of the dictionary word L-i-e-s). The visit may or may not have helped Fred's spirits, but the visitors we talked to felt a notch or two better after seeing him eating, talking and laughing again.

Work is finally underway on the long discussed major Elba sewer system upgrade. In addition to opening up and improving the existing sewer lines, there will be several areas where the collection lines will be extended to people never before served by the municipal sewer system. To read more about this idea of how much red tape is associated with the designing of the project, grant and loan applications, etc., keep in mind that this project was first proposed in the previous city administration, the engineering designs finished a couple of years ago, the grant and loan applications were officially approved over a year ago and digging actually began only last week.

It takes a guide book to keep up with the many improvement projects at various stages of completion, just in the City of Elba. There is another sewer grant project in the works as we speak. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been in the pipeline for some time now. It will extend sewer lines to the city limits, out past Kleinfert's. There is paperwork in the pipeline for more flood related home buy-outs; a major levee rebuilding, street paving, downtown storm drainage upgrading, additional storm water pumps, historical grant for restoring the old jail, a spec building in the industrial park... the list goes on and on in a positive manner. There also should soon be an official announcement of more work by the Alabama National Guard Engineers on clearing water flow obstructions along Beaver Dam Creek.

Everything is not rosy however. A couple of weeks ago we made a picture of a proud Hillary Hanks and his fifty pounds of catfish. He watched as we put the picture in the computer and smiled at the results. Then when it was time to put the picture in the paper, it could not be found! For over a week the picture floated around in cyberspace, completely ignoring the fact of our embarrassment at not knowing where it was located. Then suddenly Saturday morning the picture reappeared! Check Mr. Hooks out on the sports page this week if it doesn't disappear again! It seems to never fail, once we begin thinking about being ready to understand all the ins and outs of computers, their networks, etc. something like this happens to bring us back to the reality of life in a digital world. Shoot, that thing may have taken a world tour on the internet, for all we know.

We had one more personal problem this week. Having acted for the past ten years as president of a family reunion association, we served notice last July of being on our last one year term. Well as things will happen, due to scheduled delays, we were the late arrivals for the annual reunion this year. Getting there after the all important business session was completed. Yet they did it to us again! The loving relatives on the Cox side of our family bestowed the position on us for another year, "because he isn't here himself." Next year Haddy, and the food, may get left at home in Elba but we will not lose the battle by the default of not being present for our honor!

Truth

have them hell. I only told the truth and they thought it was hell." Truman



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## EDITORIAL

### Oconaluftee Indian Village attracts thousands of visitors annually

Walking the trails of the Oconaluftee Indian Village and listening to Cherokee guides describe Indian life of almost three centuries ago is one of many cultural activities in the Cherokee Indian Reservation of Western North Carolina.

Close to, but isolated from the town of Cherokee, the Village hosts thousands of visitors each year from May 15th to October 25th. Tour guides, escorting small groups of 25-30 people, leave the attraction's main entrance every few minutes for a one and half-hour educational experience with numerous Cherokee craftspeople and lecturers.

The village tour transports visitors to the mid-1750s and along the winding trails numerous shelters reveal Cherokee people expertly demonstrating their chosen craft.

Women shape special clay into pottery of many sizes, shapes, and designs; river cane is naturally dyed and intricately woven into baskets, each a geometric masterpiece; arrowheads are chipped as the Indians have done for untold centuries; and blowguns are demonstrated with uncanny accuracy.

Blocks of wood become a ceremonial mask; strands of yarn become fascinatingly interwoven to produce belts; and visitors become educated about the "sweet house".

Lectures are given at two Village locations: the Ceremonial Grounds and the Council House. At the Ceremonial Grounds, guides give detailed information about dances, masks, rattles, feathers, purpose of the grounds and other important facets of this part of Cherokee life.

Cherokee government, Council House design, treaties, territories, language, and other non-ceremonial topics are presented by a Cherokee guide inside the Council House. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions at the Ceremonial Grounds.

### ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 28, 1999, investigated the following incidents: one child neglect, one criminal mischief, six thefts of property, ten harassments, two assaults, one receiving stolen property, one parked vehicle damage, one public intoxication, one criminal trespass, one trespass, two DWIs, one giving false information to a law enforcement agency, and one menacing.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for criminal trespassing, one for violation of the excessive noise ordinance, and one for giving false information to a law enforcement agency.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, three for driving while driver's license are revoked, four for speeding, two for DUI and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, JUNE 28** - River stage - 17.79 feet (1:34 a.m.); River stage - 17.93 feet (2:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at Danley's Crossroads (4:29 a.m.); River stage - 18.41 feet (5:29 a.m.); River stage - 18.38 feet (7:21 a.m.); River stage - 19.49 feet (9:56 a.m.); River stage - 19.68 feet (10:55 a.m.); River stage - 19.88 feet (12:01 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Reese Avenue (1:05 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Clay Street (8:05 p.m.); River stage - 20.22 feet (5:44 p.m.); Flight reported at Kendrick Apartments (8:38 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, JUNE 29** - River stage - 18.28 feet (12:03 a.m.); River stage - 15.22 feet (6:22 a.m.); Disturbance reported in Little Beaver Trailer Court (1:42 p.m.); Minor wreck reported in parking lot at Elba General Hospital (3:13 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30** - River stage - 13.61 feet (6:40 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Carver Drive (11:06 p.m.); Provoker reported on Pinedale Drive (11:49 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, JULY 1** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Washington Avenue (3:18 a.m.); River stage - 15.50 feet (7:45 a.m.); Wreck reported on U. S. Hwy. 84E (3:51 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, JULY 2** - River stage - 12.03 feet (6:54 a.m.); Alarm at residence on Southeast Alabama Gas District office (8:01 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Lee Street (7:43 p.m.); Opp Rescue responded to a residence on Al. Hwy. 189N (8:12 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hickman Avenue (11:56 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, JULY 3** - River stage - 8.87 feet (6:34 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Seminole Drive (3:33 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Morrow Street (6:03 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Lee Street (7:43 p.m.); Opp Rescue responded to a residence on Al. Hwy. 189N (8:12 p.m.); Minor wreck reported on Hickman Avenue (11:56 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, JULY 4** - Disturbance reported at Branson's Trailer Court (2:51 a.m.); River stage - 7.15 (6:45 a.m.); Disturbance (fireworks) at Burch's Trailer Court on Martin Luther King Drive (8:52 p.m.).

### ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of June 28, 1999 through July 4, 1999. They were: Herro Wilkerson, Fannie Mitchell, Mary Newton, Ruth Harrelson, Richard Stoudemire, Mary O. Bryan, O. C. King, Margaret J. Hussey, William Legear, and Stacy Johnson.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Mary Crandell, Thomas Smith, Johnnie Grant, Elizabeth Bass, Fannie Mitchell, Ruth Harrelson, Margaret J. Hussey, Mary O. Bryan, Herro Wilkerson, Richard Stoudemire, Mary Newton, and O. C. King.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

We would like to tell you a true story about the county where we live. It is such a wonderful county where people pull together and stand by each other. For you see, on May 15, 1999, our 14-year-old son had his third heart attack. We spent nine days in the hospital at UAB in Birmingham, Ala. He was in CCU for 2-1/2 days, and there were people calling that we didn't even know just to let us know that they were praying for us.

People at the Elba Elementary School, Mr. Mickey McCollough, Mrs. Oggs, his homeroom teacher Mrs. Pland, and all the other teachers went out of their way to help him. They made sure that he didn't get behind in his school work.

There were also people calling to say our family is on their church's prayer list. We would like to say a special thanks to our church family, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Enterprise. They went out of their way to help us in so many ways. Thanks to Dr. Dyess, his wonderful staff, and his heart doctor, Dr. Pison, for all the wonderful things they have done for us.

We would like everyone to know that their kindness, concern and prayers were greatly appreciated. Words could never express how we felt knowing you all cared. So we will say thanks from the bottom of our hearts. Thanks Coffee County. The Pouncey's Erwin, Marie and Neal

PS - We would like to let Coffee County know they're "No. 1" in our book.

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter in your paper concerning the approval for a liquor license for Friendship Grocery.

No I do not live in the Friendship Community, but I do spend a good deal of time in the area. That store sells a whole lot of merchandise besides beer or liquor such as: feed, fishing tackle and bait, drinks, snacks and groceries. I have personally been in there many times when local customers came in to buy flour, meal, bacon, etc. to keep from driving all the way into Opp or Elba to go to a regular grocery store. Many farmers in the immediate area buy diesel fuel there, or stop in for a soft drink and snack when they take a break from their work. Many parents and grandparents bring their children and grandchildren in for a "slushy" or bag of

### EXPRESS

YOUR VIEWS...  
WRITE A LETTER  
TO THE EDITOR

## From The House...

by Congressman Terry Everett

Protecting Our Beloved American Flag. Refusing to give up the battle to protect the honor of the United States flag, the U.S. House has once again passed a Constitutional amendment barring the Stars and Stripes from desecration.

The flag protection amendment, which easily passed the House on June 21 and now heads to the Senate, reads as follows: "Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Most Americans are surprised to learn that there already isn't a law safeguarding our national flag. Unfortunately, previous attempts to pass a flag protection law have either been defeated in Congress or struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1989 and 1990 the Supreme Court voted down Congressionally-passed flag protection legislation out of concern that the laws limited free speech. In both cases, the flag protection laws were actually federal "statutes" and, therefore, subject to Supreme Court review. The legislation passed by the House last

month takes the form of a Constitutional amendment. If the flag amendment clears the Senate with a two-thirds majority, it will have to be ratified by at least 38 states to become part of the Constitution. The end result will be permanent flag protection.

While many say that a Constitutional amendment protecting the American flag would infringe upon a citizen's right to free expression, it must be clear that the Constitution doesn't give blanket approval to all forms of speech. For example, if the law can limit speech based on obscenity, libel or perjury, then most certainly it should also prevent someone from burning, trampling or urinating on an American flag.

The groundswell of support for the flag protection amendment has been, to say the least, impressive. To date, 49 state legislatures, including Alabama's have adopted resolutions asking Congress to pass the flag protection amendment and to send it to the states for ratification.

Nearly 100 national organizations representing a broad range of military, fraternal, civic, minority, business and labor groups have also joined the movement to protect the flag. And, add to that polls show that nearly 80 percent of all Americans support the flag protection amendment.

As a member of the House Veterans' Affairs and Armed Services committees, I join America's active duty service members, our veterans, and all patriotic Americans in calling for swift protection for our national colors.

As dissenting Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist wrote in 1989: "The government may conscript men into the Armed Forces where they must fight and perhaps die for the flag, but the government may not prohibit burning of this banner under which they fight?" Old Glory deserves protection.

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## AREA DEATHS

### MARIE DENISE FULLER HODGE

Mrs. Marie Denise Fuller Hodge, age 37, of 1639 Enzor Road, Troy, Ala., died June 30, 1999 at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

Funeral services were held July 2, 1999 at Dillard Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. David Jordan officiating. Burial followed in Green Hills Memorial Park in Troy with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Kent Hodge, Troy; a daughter: Hallee Marie Hodge, Troy; a son: John Christopher Hodge, Troy; her parents: Hubert and Ann Fuller, Elba; a sister and brother-in-law: Deddie and Glenn Logsdon, Enterprise; a brother and sister in law: Keith and Jan Fuller, Brundidge; her grandmothers: Marie Law, Troy and Irene Fuller, Elba; her father-in-law and mother-in-law: Robert L. and Shirley Hodge, Daleville; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Andy and Melinda Hodge, Ozark; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law: Robbie and Bryan Brookshire, Newton; a nephew and three nieces: Jonathan Logsdon, Kayla Logsdon, Molly Fuller and Alyson Fuller.

**WILLIAM JOSEPH COLVIN**  
Mr. William Joseph Colvin, age 70, of 21900 Highway 189, Elba, died July 3, 1999 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held July 6, 1999 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Carolyn L. Colvin, Elba; a daughter: Charlotte Windham, Elba; a son: Ronnie Colvin, Brundidge; two brothers: Lester E. Colvin, Fargo, N.D., Melvin V. Colvin, Bozler City, La.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**JOHN L. EDWARDS**  
Mr. John L. Edwards, born Oct. 8, 1926 in Elba, died June 28, 1999 at his home.

Funeral services were held July 2, 1999 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Carolyn L. Colvin, Elba; a daughter: Charlotte Windham, Elba; a son: Ronnie Colvin, Brundidge; two brothers: Lester E. Colvin, Fargo, N.D., Melvin V. Colvin, Bozler City, La.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**MADALYN M. WISE**  
Mrs. Madalyn M. Wise, age 98, of New Brockton, died July 5, 1999 at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held July 7, 1999 at New Brockton United Methodist Church with Pastor Ben McKee officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mrs. Wise was preceded in death by her husband, William B. Wise Sr.; her son, William B. Wise Jr.; her parents, William Thomas and Annie Belle Byrd McIntyre; four sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law: Pat and Wayne Temple, Panama City, Fla.; one grandson: William B. (Trey) Wise III, Panama City, Fla.; several nieces and nephews.

**ERIC VICTOR LEGG**  
Mr. Eric Victor Legg, age 26, of 26281 Highway 167, Jack, died July 2, 1999 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center.

Funeral services were held July 5, 1999 at Dorcus Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Brundidge with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include his father: Hayward Victor Legg; his mother: Shirley Rebecca Legg; two brothers: Zachary John Legg and Seth McCotha Legg; his grandfather: John Victor Legg; his grandmother: Kathleen Legg and Willie Z. Stinson, all of Jack, Ala.

**MAGGIE STEWART WINDHAM**  
Mrs. Maggie Stewart Windham, age 86, of the Damascus Community, died July 2, 1999 at Extensicare Health and Rehabilitation Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held July 5, 1999 at Damascus Baptist Church with Rev. William Frank officiating. Burial followed in the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery with Searcy Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Mrs. Windham was preceded in death by her husband, Walton Edwin Windham.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law: Jim E. and Joyce P. Windham, Enterprise; one grandson and granddaughter-in-law: Stan T. and Carol K. Windham, New Brockton; two great-grandsons: James R. and Mark S. Windham.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
BROWN FAMILY  
The family of ODESSA MAE BROWN would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and words of kindness during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother.

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### DEC. GROVER BELCHER SR.

Dec. Grover Belcher Sr., born Dec. 23, 1924 to Oliver and Hattie Belcher, of Elba died July 5, 1999 at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held July 2, 1999 at Dillard Funeral Home in Troy with Rev. David Jordan officiating. Burial followed in Green Hills Memorial Park in Troy with Dillard Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include eight children: John Jr. (Cherie) of Brundidge, Bobby (Lee) of New Brockton, Johnny Mack (Willie Mae) of Opp, Shirley Ann of Opp, Tina (Lester) of Ozark, Nathan, Paul of Valdosta, Ga., Sharon of Opp; 30 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; one sister: Lene Mae Sims; four sisters-in-law.

Mr. Edwards was preceded in death by three children.

Survivors include his father: John Jr. (Cherie) of Brundidge, Bobby (Lee) of New Brockton, Johnny Mack (Willie Mae) of Opp, Shirley Ann of Opp, Tina (Lester) of Ozark, Nathan, Paul of Valdosta, Ga., Sharon of Opp; 30 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; one sister: Lene Mae Sims; four sisters-in-law.

Mr. Belcher served as a deacon of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church for many years, superintendent of Sunday School, treasurer of the Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union and he was a Master Mason of Silver Square #81.

Funeral services will be held July 8, 1999 (Today) at 2 p.m. at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Rev. A.R. Williams officiating.

Mr. Belcher was preceded in death by a son, Grover Jerald Belcher, a brother, William Belcher, and two sisters, Vera Mae Belcher Tillis and Josephine Belcher Tullis.

Survivors include his wife: Eria Mae Lindsey Belcher, Elba; eight children: Ernestine Belcher Kelley, Elba, Milton Belcher (Betty), Montgomery, Ala., Joyce Belcher Johnson (Otis), Tusculum, Ala., Ernest Paul Belcher, Rota, Spain, Alan Belcher, Elba, Warren Belcher (Dora), Montgomery, Juanita Belcher Brooks (Wiley), Enterprise, Evelyn Belcher Manning (Michael), Elba; three brothers: Wallace Belcher (Mattie), Elba, Collis Belcher, Louisville, Ala., Jackie Belcher, Groveland, Fla.; four sisters: Inez Belcher Long (Joseph), Glenwood, Ala., Gussie Nell Belcher Hart (Henry), Groveland, Fla., Estella Belcher Williams (L.L.), Elba, Marylene Belcher Stephens, Macon, Ohio; a daughter-in-law: Mamie Belcher, Mt. Vernon, N.Y.; 37 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and family.

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# LIFESTYLES

## Blair-Waller wedding planned for Saturday, August 28th



Miss Crystal Leigh Blair

Miss Coffee County Agriculture Pageant to be held July 23rd



Cory Lashley celebrates birthday with a pool party

Cory Lashley celebrated his third birthday with a pool party at the Papa Jimmy and Ma Ma Joyce's on June 13. Cory turned three on June 9, 1999. He is the son of Jon and Melanie Lashley of Ino. He has two brothers, Hunter, 4, and Cole, 7 months. His grandparents are Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino and Tom and Dephie Townsend of Opp.

DEADLINE FOR SOCIAL NEWS IS MONDAY!!!!

Mr. and Mrs. John Davis Blair of Troy, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter, Crystal Leigh, to Jack Alan Waller II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alan Waller of Goshen, Ala.

Blair is the granddaughter of Mrs. Dessie Mount and the late Mr. Frank Hurley of Goshen, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Waller of Goshen. He is attending Troy State University where he will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in the winter of 1999. She is currently employed with a marketing company. She is a member of Kappa Delta Social Sorority and a member of Fleetwood Baptist Church of Glenwood.

Waller is the grandson of Mrs. Frances Hurley and the late Mr. Frank Hurley of Goshen, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bob Waller of Goshen. He is attending Troy State University where he will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in general business in the spring of 2000. He is currently employed in lawn service. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Social Fraternity and a member of Fleetwood Baptist Church of Glenwood.

The wedding is planned for August 28, 1999 at 4 p.m. at Fleetwood Baptist Church in Glenwood, Ala. A reception immediately following the ceremony will be held at The Emporium, Troy, Ala.



Miss Daniels &amp; Mr. Slagle

## Daniels-Slagle wedding to be held Saturday, July 24th

Mr. and Mrs. Spence Daniels announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Angela Renee Daniels, to Robert D. Slagle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slagle Sr. of Daleville. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Brunette Smith of Jack, Ga., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Daniels of Elba. She is a 1995 graduate of Elba High School and is currently pursuing a degree in nursing at Troy State University.

The future groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farringer of Maumee, Ohio, and Dorothy

Pomeroy of Toledo, Ohio. He is a 1991 graduate of Daleville High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in accounting at Troy State University of Dothan.

Both are members of the Daleville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The wedding will be an event of the late Stillman and Ovie Daniels of Elba. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall of the church.

No local invitations are being sent. All friends and relatives are invited.

Allison Madison Maddox is one year old

Allison Madison Williams celebrated her first birthday, June 2, 1999.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Williams of Elba. Helping her celebrate was her parents, her sister, Angel and her Aunt Dean.

Kit Johnson will celebrate his seventh birthday on July 8 (Today). He is the son of Steve and Angie Johnson of Ino. He has two sisters, Susie, 14, Echo, 2, and one brother, Tony, 13. Kit's grandparents are Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino and Guy and Sue Johnson of Enterprise.

Army Pvt. Shannon D. Lott has graduated from the unit supply specialist course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. She is the daughter of Diane Lott of 3480 Highway 125, Elba. She is a 1998 graduate of Elba High School.

NEWS AMONG OUR SERVICE FOLKS

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## Special Seminar for healthcare workers to be held

Diversified Nursing Services and Enterprise State Junior College will present a special seminar for healthcare workers entitled *Breast Cancer*. Persons interested in learning more about the disease that strikes fear in perhaps more women than any other may be interested in this seminar which will feature a discussion of the healthy breast, the various types of breast cancer with treatment for each type, recommendations for diagnostic tests, surgical procedures and reconstruction surgery. Nutrition and medical issues and politics of breast cancer will be discussed as well. Emphasis will be placed on women taking charge of their own health. The instructor, Ms. Vonelle Jones, is a four-year survivor of breast cancer. Participants in the healthcare field will receive 7.2 contact hours of continuing education credit in cooperation with Diversified Nursing Services, which is an organization approved by the Alabama Board of Nursing as a provider of continuing education. The seminar will be held on Friday, August 6, 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. There is a \$55 fee for this seminar, and the registration deadline is July 30. A \$65 fee will be charged at the door on a space available basis. For more information and a copy of the course objectives, call 393-ESJC.

Homecoming planned at Alberton Baptist Church

Alberton Baptist Church will be celebrating Homecoming on Sunday, July 11th. Bro. Herbert McWaters will bring the 11 a.m. message. Lunch will be served at noon. Special singing and fellowship in the afternoon. Everyone is invited.

Heaven's Way Church will sponsor a gospel singing Saturday, July 10.

There will be a gospel singing at Heaven's Way Church located at 112 S. John St., New Brockton at 7:00 p.m., July 10. Featured singer will be O.J. Marler from Elba, but now lives in Florida.

Everyone one is welcome to attend.



Tony Johnson

## Tony Johnson celebrates 13th birthday

Tony Johnson celebrated his 13th birthday on June 20, 1999. His parents are Steve and Angie Johnson of Ino. He has two sisters, Susie, 14, Echo, 2, and one brother, Kit, 6. Tony's grandparents are Jimmy and Joyce Lashley of Ino and Guy and Sue Johnson of Enterprise.

Elba Church of Christ

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Elba Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship - 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

Elba Baptist Church

Rev. Robert Paul, Pastor

## Whitewater Baptist Church to hold Vacation Bible School July 11 - 15th

Whitewater Baptist Church invites all children, ages 3 through 6th grade, to attend Vacation Bible School. There will be lots of fun and activities, Bible and Missions studies, music, crafts, recreation and food. There will be no need to feed your children before you bring them. The church will be serving a good meal each evening.

There will be a Vacation Bible School party on Saturday, July 10, from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. Then, Bible School will begin on Sunday, July 11 and continue through Thursday, July 15. Bible School will begin each night at 5:30 p.m. and finish at 8 p.m. Bring your children, and they will have a great time.

Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to celebrate homecoming July 11th

The Chestnut Grove Methodist Church of Jack will have homecoming on Sunday, July 11, at 11 a.m. Former pastor Russell Teal will bring the morning message. There will be a covered dish lunch afterwards.

Revival begins Monday night, July 12, and will end on Wednesday night, July 14. Evening messages will be brought by Rev. Larry Gill, new pastor of the church, at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

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**DATE: July 12th - July 16th**  
**PLACE: Woodland Grove Baptist Church**  
**County Road 239, New Brockton**

Homecoming planned at Bluff Springs Baptist Church July 11th

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will have Homecoming on July 11. Eddie Bass, former pastor, will preach. Lunch will follow. The church is located on County Road 304. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wilmer McCormick and Sandy Land Bluegrass to be in concert at Country Cathedral

Wilmer McCormick and Sandy Land Bluegrass will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Sunday, July 11. The concert will start at 6 p.m. No admission charge, and everyone is welcome.

Summer Revival services to be held at New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church will hold Summer Revival services July 18 at 6 p.m. and July 19-21 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Cecil Jackson from Graceville, Fla. Music will be provided by Bro. Joe Ward of Piney Grove Church in Samson, Ala. Everyone is welcome.

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## Men Who Paid Freedom's Price

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

On July 4, 1776, there was signed in the City of Philadelphia, one of America's historic documents: the Declaration of Independence. It marked the birth of this nation which, under God, was destined for world leadership.

We often forget that, in declaring independence from an earthly power, our forefathers made a forthright declaration of dependence upon Almighty God. The closing words of this document solemnly declare:

"With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

The fifty-six courageous men who signed that document understood that this was not just high-sounding rhetoric. They knew that if they succeeded, the best they could expect would be years of hardship in a struggling new nation. If they lost, they would face a hangman's noose as traitors.

Of the fifty-six signers, few were long to survive. Five were captured by the British and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes, from Rhode Island to Charleston, sacked, looted, occupied by the enemy and burned. Two lost their sons in the army. One had two sons captured. Nine of the fifty-six died in the war, from hardships or from its bullets.

Whatever ideas you have of the men who met that hot summer in Philadelphia, it is important that we remember certain facts about the men who made this pledge: they were not poor men, or wild-eyed pirates. They were men of means; rich men, most of them, who enjoyed much ease and luxury in their personal lives. These were not hungry men, but prosperous men, wealthy landowners, who were substantially secure in their prosperity and respected in their communities.

These men, however, considered liberty much more important than the security they enjoyed, and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor. They fulfilled their pledge. They paid the price and freedom was won.

Someone has said, "To be born free is a privilege. To die free is an awesome responsibility." Yet freedom is never free. It is always purchased at great cost. Little did John Adams know how significant the cost of freedom would be when he spoke to his wife, Abigail, on the passing of the Declaration of Independence and said, "I am well aware of the toil, and blood, and treasure, that it will cost to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these statutes, yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of light and glory. I can see the end is worth more than all the means."

To those who sacrificed for our freedom, the end was worth the painful means. Where would we be, who are citizens of the United States of America, today if there had not been those who counted the cost of freedom and willingly paid for it? When will we, as people, truly honor their memory and realize that the price of true freedom is painfully high?

Two thousand years ago, the Son of God, died on a cross to purchase our freedom from sin, condemnation and Hell. To place one's trust in Him is to know a freedom that no man or government could ever take away! I am thankful for the men who paid freedom's price for America. I praise God for the freedom that I have in His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ!

Homecoming planned at Bluff Springs Baptist Church July 11th

Bluff Springs Baptist Church will have Homecoming on July 11. Eddie Bass, former pastor, will preach. Lunch will follow. The church is located on County Road 304. Everyone is invited to attend.

Wilmer McCormick and Sandy Land Bluegrass to be in concert at Country Cathedral

Wilmer McCormick and Sandy Land Bluegrass will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Sunday, July 11. The concert will start at 6 p.m. No admission charge, and everyone is welcome.

Summer Revival services to be held at New Hope Baptist Church

New Hope Baptist Church will hold Summer Revival services July 18 at 6 p.m. and July 19-21 at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Cecil Jackson from Graceville, Fla. Music will be provided by Bro. Joe Ward of Piney Grove Church in Samson, Ala. Everyone is welcome.

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Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

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Walter Faulk, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 10:00 a.m.

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J. E. Wesley, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

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Scripture: Genesis 1:1-31

Thinking of you, praying for you: The Edwards family, Grover Belcher, Evelyn Manning, Ella M. Brooks, Rev. E. Magwood, Jerry Chandler, Johnnie Velverson, Elder Wayman Pryor

July Birthdays: Joyce B. Johnson, July 7; Evelyn B. Manning, July 8

Do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. —John Martin

Annual Homecoming at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on County Road 528 in Elba will be Sunday, July 11, 9-5 a.m.

Regular order of service - 11 a.m.; Dismissal for Lunch; Afternoon service - 2:30 p.m. All churches are invited to worship with us.

Annual revival of Mt. Calvary MB Church on County Road 528 in Elba will be July 19-23 at 7:15 p.m. All churches are invited to worship with us.

Evangelist will be Rev. Jerry Bennett, St. Rose Baptist Church of Skipperville, Ala. Monday night - Devotion, Mt. Calvary, Morning Star, Elba Zion, St. Mary and Pleasant Grove; Tuesday night - Devotion, Mt. Lebanon, Poplar Springs, Greater Springfield, Mt. Zorah, New Philadelphia COGIC, Wednesday night - Devotion, Shady Grove AME, Collins Chapel, Bethel

AME, Pleasant Valley, Thursday night - Devotion, Rocky Head, Bethlehem, New Zion, Church of God by Faith, Friday night - Devotion, Clay Hill, Oak Grove, St. Rose, Pleasant Shade, Greater Holy Temple COGIC. All churches are invited to worship.

1999 Lindsey Family Reunion The planning committee of the Lindsey Family Reunion has chosen the Howard Johnson's Bayside Hotel, Panama City, Fla., for the location of the family reunion. The following is a sneak preview of planned activities: Friday, July 30 - Howard Johnson's Bayside Hotel arrivals and greetings; 2-6 p.m. registration; poolside fish fry at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 31 - Old Time Family Picnic from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.; leisure time from 2-6 p.m. (Panama City Beach at Boardwalk and Miracle Strip Amusement Park); Fashion and Talent Show and Music from 7-11 p.m. Sunday, August 1 - 11 a.m. worship service at 2nd Mt. Mariah Missionary Baptist Church; Lunch-business meeting; Farewells.

Vacation Bible School at Rocky Head MB Church in Elba will be July 19-23 at 6 p.m. The topic will be respect. All youth are welcome, and there will be lots of learning, fun and activities.

Today is a good day, be grateful!

Take a walk down Highland Drive, and you'll notice something different happening at First Assembly. The usual sign has been replaced by a banner with the call letters WSEJ. Reporters are swarming the building getting ready for what they're calling the "Broadcasting of a Life!" What's going on?

A closer look will show you that the church hasn't been replaced by a TV station; it has been transformed into a place where kids and adults will be learning to



## County youths to compete for title of Coffee County Jr. Miss on July 17th



Amber Renee Edington



Sarah Christin Shelton



Katie Elizabeth Boyd



Katie Allison Rutland



Morgan Emily Hodge



Tammi Terrell Love

Eleven of the area's most outstanding young women will compete July 17, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. for the prestigious title of Coffee County Junior Miss for 2000 in the Enterprise High School auditorium. These young women will vie for scholarships and awards totaling \$3,900.

Participating from Elba High School will be Katherine Y. Vaughn and Kimberly Wynell Ward. Katherine Vaughn is the daughter of Mark and Candace Vaughn. She is active in school activities including Senior Beta Club, National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine, Participant, Varsity Cheerleader Captain, Girl Scout Troop #300 Vice President and All-Star Cheerleader.

Kimberly Ward is the daughter of Cathy Ward, and her school activities include Who's Who Among American High School Students, Governor's School of Alabama, Drum Major, Beta Club member, and Tri-M Music Honor Society member.

Representing Zion Chapel High School will be Morgan Emily Hodge.

Morgan Hodge is the daughter of Melinda and the late Mac Hodge. Her school activities include National Beta Club member, member of the Student Government Association, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador, Girl's State Representative and Drum Major.

Other participants are Katie Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of Julian and Debra Boyd; Amber Renee Edington, daughter of Don and Sarah Edington; Meagan Gabrielle Gordan, daughter of Colleen Gordan and the late Mason Gordan Jr.; Sally Laine Helms, daughter of Bob and Sonja Helms; Tammi Terrell Love, daughter of John and Ronda Love; Mary Elizabeth Myers, daughter of Earl and Val Myers; Katie Allison Rutland, daughter of James Steven and Marcia Lynn Rutland; Sarah Christin Shelton, daughter of Andy and Debbie Shelton; all students of Enterprise High School.

A special guest for the evening will be the current Coffee County Junior Miss, Kristy LeAnne Burgess. She will entertain the audience as she performs a dramatic monologue to "GRITS" (Girls Raised In The South).

Dave Strickland and Mitch English will be the masters of ceremonies for the program.

Other Special guests include Chris Bottoms and his group "Millennium."

A few tickets are still available for the program and can be purchased by calling 347-4485 or at the Enterprise High School box office the night of the program.

The new Coffee County Junior Miss will participate in this year's Alabama Junior Miss Program in Montgomery.



Katherine Y. Vaughn



Kimberly Wynell Ward



Meagan Gabrielle Gordan



Mary Elizabeth Myers

## ESJC NEWS

**USING THE MICROCOMPUTER...** Enterprise State Junior College's popular special interest course, Using the Microcomputer — Level II, is offered this summer semester. This course is designed for those who have experience with keyboarding. Successful completion of Using A Microcomputer — Level I is recommended but not required. A 3 1/2" diskette is required for the first class. There is a \$30 fee for this course, and the registration deadline is July 17. Class meets Mondays and Tuesdays, August 2-10, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 15 to register. For more information call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

**YOUTH COLLEGE...** Enterprise State Junior College's famous and popular Youth College will be held in the New Fort Rucker Campus classrooms, Building #4502, July 12-16. Students in grades three through eight will enjoy exciting and stimulating classes such as *Mon, I Blow Up the Science Lab*, *The Pottery Shoppe*, *Darkroom Magic*, *Crazy About Computers*, *Art Factory*, *Cartoons and Caricatures*, and more. Each course has a \$20 registration fee and is limited to 10-25 students. Some classes also have additional supply fees. If a student registers for three classes, he or she will receive a free Youth College T-shirt. To register, parents must come by the ESJC Administration Building in Enterprise or the ESJC office at Fort Rucker in Building #4502 on Kingsman Street. No registrations will be taken over the telephone. Parents MUST also bring children's social security numbers in order to register him/her for classes. Fees are due at the time of registration. Grade levels refer to the grade the child will enter in the fall of 1999.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP...** Adults involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children will be interested in the Child Development Workshop to be held at Enterprise State Junior College on Saturday, July 31, from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The pre-registration fee is \$15 if received by July 23, and \$20 if received after that date. For more information and for course objectives call 334-393-ESJC, ext. 234.

## Product Safety Agency and Gerber announce recall of LIL' SPORT spill proof sport bottles

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Gerber Products Co., of Summit, N.J., is voluntarily recalling about 300,000 LIL' SPORT Spill Proof Sport Bottles. A valve inside the cap can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children.

Gerber and CPSC have received over 30 reports of valves detaching, including three reports of injuries found in children's mouths. There have been no reported injuries.

The bottles that are part of this recall are the Gerber LIL' SPORT Spill Proof Sport Bottles. These are colored plastic bottles for children 18 months and older. The bottles can be identified easily by their flip-top lids. The LIL' SPORT Spill Proof Sport Bottle

is a 12-ounce plastic bottle with a curved body shape similar to that of an adult sport bottle. A separate screw-top cap sits on the body and features a spill proof cover by a flip-top lid. The Gerber name is featured on top of the lid. The bottle body comes in solid colors as well as an adult Baby Looney Tunes™ design.

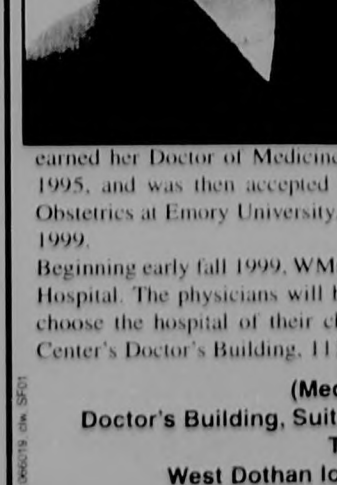
Market merchandise and grocery stores sold these bottles nationwide from February 1999 to July 1999 for about \$4 (individually) to \$8 (two-pack).

Parents and caregivers should stop children from using these bottles immediately, and return the bottles to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, consumers should call Gerber at (800) 4-GERBER any time or visit their website at [www.gerber.com](http://www.gerber.com).

Other Gerber spill proof cups are not part of this recall.

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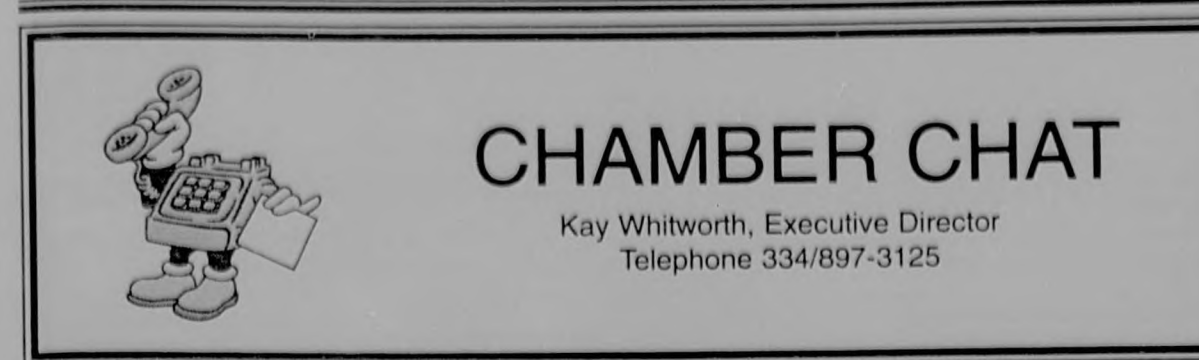
The Physicians of Women's Medical Center (WMC) are pleased to introduce

TRENA IRENE DUBREUIL, M.D.

As the newest physician staff member, appointments can be made with Dr. Dubreuil by calling (334) 793-3900. Dr. Dubreuil began her medical career as a Licensed Practical Nurse working in an OB/GYN physician's office for ten years before earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. Afterwards, she worked as a Registered Nurse for one year in the Labor and Delivery Department of Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. Dr. Dubreuil enjoyed caring for patients so much during the Labor and Delivery process that she committed to becoming a medical doctor specializing in the care of female patients. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from The Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA, in 1995, and was then accepted to the residency training program in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at Emory University. Dr. Dubreuil will complete her training June 30 and begin practice July 19, 1999. Beginning early fall 1999, WMC will also open its first satellite office at 106 Westside Drive next to Flowers Hospital. The physicians will begin delivering their services at both Dothan hospitals enabling patients to choose the hospital of their choice. WMC's existing offices will remain at Southeast Alabama Medical Center's Doctor's Building, 1118 Ross Clark Circle, Suite 600.

(Medical Center location and Mailing Address)  
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Tel: (334) 793-3900 • Fax: (334) 793-5227  
West Dothan location: 106 Westside Drive (next to Flowers Hospital)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## CHAMBER CHAT

Kay Whitworth, Executive Director  
Telephone 334/897-3125

### MOVING

The Chamber of Commerce is being moved into an office in the old Elba High School building. Remodeling should be complete soon, so drop in and see us.

### SAUSAGE FESTIVAL

The first Annual Sausage Festival was very successful. The Chamber donated \$800 from the proceeds to the Elba High School Band to go toward band uniforms.

### JAIL RESTORATION

The restoration jail project is beginning to take shape. Bricks are still on sale. If you would like to buy a brick in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone,



Vaughan Boyd

## Vaughan Boyd wins election at Girl's State recently

Vaughan Boyd, a senior at Elba High School, was elected Commissioner of Agriculture during the sixty-second annual American Legion Auxiliary Alabama Girls State held June 6-11 at Huntingdon College in Montgomery.

Vaughan had the privilege of sitting behind the desk and performing the duties of Commissioner of Agriculture Charles Bishop on Friday, June 11. Vaughn is the daughter of Lee and Harriette Boyd.

Alabama Girls State is a leadership program for young women who have completed their junior year of high school and have exhibited leadership qualities during their high school career. Girls State is a laboratory of practical government - a personal application of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship. Students experience the processes of government by performing duties at the city, county, and state levels. Acceptance into Girls State is a privilege granted by invitation only. Delegates are selected by their school faculty and community leaders.

## Local artist discovered at New Brockton Elementary School

Jenna Howell, a sixth grader of New Brockton Elementary School submitted artwork that was selected to be highlighted the month of April in the 2000 Environmental Education Calendar. Miss Howell received a \$100 cash award. Thirteen drawings were selected from over 800 drawings.

Environmental education in Alabama is the key to a more

promising tomorrow for our young people. Legacy, Inc., Partners in Environmental Education is a non-profit organization working to create environmentally responsible citizens through education. The 2000 Environmental Education Calendar Contest is one of the programs made available through the sale of the environmental license tag and corporate sponsorships.

## 19th Annual South Alabama Fiddlers Convention to be held in Atmore July 17

The 19th Annual South Alabama Fiddler's Convention will be held Saturday, July 17 at 5 p.m. at the Escambia County High School auditorium in Atmore. Fiddlers from across Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi will compete for the official "South Alabama Fiddler's Championship", as well as over

\$2,000 in cash prizes. Categories include fiddle, banjo, bluegrass, bands, vocals, bass fiddle, guitar and mandolin. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children and are available at the door. If you would like to compete, call Fred Satter Jr. at (334) 368-2198, ext. 25 for additional information.



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## Thanks a Million

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

## The Inequities of Human Compassion

Dear Mr. Ross: I have fought for everything I have in life and now I'm about to watch it all slip away. I'm a single parent. My husband and I divorced shortly after the birth of our daughter. She was born with Spina Bifida and the thought of raising a handicapped daughter was too dreadful for her father to face. I say that tonight in check because she has been the brightest spot in my life. She is now 4 years old and life with her would be empty. I knew early on I didn't want to be a welfare mom so I got a factory job. The work is dull at times, but it pays pretty good and has excellent benefits. I'm able to bring home enough money to support me and my daughter.

Her father signed away all custodial rights so he wouldn't have to pay child support. In the long run it's best. Our real problems started though about 6 months ago when her primary care giver moved out of state. Since then I haven't found anyone who has the patience and love to encourage my daughter to do as much as she possibly can for herself. She is regressing. On top of that, the sister I do have is unpredictable and I've ended up missing work because I had no one to watch her. Relations at my job are strained because of all the time I've missed. I'm waking a tight rope and can't afford to miss another day or I'll be fired.

There's a day care here that focuses on children like mine, but it costs three times the amount I was paying. Is there any way you could help me with an extra \$300 a month? I realize that's \$3,600 for a year, but if I wasn't so desperate I wouldn't have asked for it. Please consider helping my daughter.

Ms. N. K. ... Queens Ledger, Brooklyn, NY

Dear Ms. K.: I see your point. But then, most parents want the best for their children, whether they're able-bodied or otherwise. I was recently approached by a 17 year old young lady who needed \$2,400 to further her dancing career. She

came from a middle class family who simply could not afford it. I didn't send it. I guess in a sense that 17 year old is punished for being gifted, so hopefully one day she may be mainstreamed in public school. Naturally I'm giving you a year's worth of extra day care and am sending you the requested \$3,600. However, it's up to you to increase your skills and to get a better paying job if you want to continue after the first 12 months are up. It's one thing to help people. It's another to carry them.

Dear Mr. Ross: I will not fault you for not responding to my request. I see now that it's too important for your charitable works to support the likes of wayward people. People with vices like gambling and booze. All and I mean all that I asked for was a decent home for my mother. My brother was even going to put up the down payment if you'd pay the balance of \$120,000. But something decent like that probably goes against your morals. You're a heathen and I've lost faith in you. However, my faith in God has flourished which must mean you're the devil himself.

Mrs. T. S. ... Star Banner, Ocala, FL

Dear Mrs. S.: Generally when I turn a person down they just shrug their shoulders and go on. It has been a while since someone resorted to name calling because they didn't get what they wanted from me.

Excuse me, did I ever promise you anything? Just because I'm giving my money away doesn't mean you're entitled to it. And if by some remote chance I would help you, you can be sure I'd be the guy making the down payment and someone else would assume the responsibility of the \$120,000 balance due.

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# SPORTS

Views from ....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

Melanie made it back safely from 4-H camp last week, and while she was only gone two nights, the fact she was three hours from home made for some long nights and a little worrying for both Mom and Dad. She bragged that she didn't get home sick, and even brought back some crafts made at camp like a candle, a foot stool and some other goodies. She is already talking about a return trip next summer, but for now we are all just happy to have everyone safe at home.

### CLEANING OFF THE DESK....

\*\*\* The Elba Dixie Boys Baseball League sent its two All-Star teams to Sub-District action last week and both teams came home a little disappointed after winning only one game before being eliminated. The 13-year-old All-Stars opened the event with an impressive win over Laverne, but then failed to get a hit in a 10-0 loss to Troy, and failed to score a run in a 6-0 loss to Greenville. The All-Star coaches felt like the defense played well enough to win and that they had the second best team in the tournament, but a lack of hitting proved fatal. The 14-year-old All-Stars had high hopes of bringing home the tournament title in its age division, and looked like a team to beat after a big opening win over Georgiana, but like the younger All-Stars, failed to get back on the scoreboard in the next two games and were blanked by Troy 12-0 and Laverne 2-0. Elba's pitching was solid in all three games; however, it is impossible to win if you don't score, and that was what happened in the two losses. The two All-Star teams really worked hard for two weeks getting ready for the tournament, and represented the city well in all the games they played. Thanks for the hard work and determination!

\*\*\* The Elba Dixie Minor Baseball League has two All-Star teams in action this week at the Sub-District Tournament, in Enterprise, and both teams should have a solid shot at grabbing some wins in the double-elimination tourney. The "National League" All-Stars appear to be the stronger of the two teams on paper, but the players and coaches on both teams have put in some long hours at practice and both the National and American League Stars are certain to represent their leagues, and the city very well. \*\*\* The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars will open play this week in Hartford, and although the local Stars are playing in a very tough Sub-District, the players and coaches are all convinced that they have what it takes to make a run at the tourney title. The Dixie Youth League had one of its most competitive years ever, and was loaded with talent on each and every team. With a break or two this bunch could make some noise.

\*\*\* The Elba Girls Softball League's "16 and Under" All-Stars will make the long ride up to Gadsden this weekend to compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Softball Tournament. The Stars earned the right to advance to state with a runner-up finish at the ARPA District Tournament, and should carry a pretty solid team to North Alabama in hopes of bringing back a state title. The team will be a few players short due to various reasons, but this marks the fourth straight summer this group of girls has played at the ARPA State Tournament, and they know what it takes to be successful. Good Luck!

\*\*\* The Bay Bears girls softball team won the "10 and Under" title in the Elba Girls Softball League this summer, and the team made the trip down to Mobile last weekend to see the real Bay Bears in action and be honored by Mobile's Double A pro baseball franchise. The team members got a chance to go down on the field prior to the game to meet the players and join in the singing of the National Anthem, and then stayed for the game and the big July 4th fireworks show. It was an exciting end to an exciting season for the youngsters.

\*\*\* The Elba Athletic Club will hold an organizational meeting on Monday, July 12, at the Elba Recreation center, and everyone interested in the total athletic program at Elba High School needs to attend. The Elba Athletic Club used to be one of the top booster clubs in the state and generated tens of thousands of dollars annually for the various sports at Elba High, but recently the club has dwindled in numbers, and funds, and if the overall athletic program at Elba High School is ever to return to its glory days, it will need the help of every single person that supports the Elba Tigers. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

\*\*\* The Birmingham News announced its "Academic All-State" high school sports teams recently and a number of area student-athletes were included on the honored lists. A student has to make a sacrifice to compete in sports in high school, and it is great that the students were honored by the Birmingham newspaper.

### New Brockton, Kinston and Brantley represented

## Area student-athletes named Academic All-State

The Birmingham News continued to honor Alabama's high school student-athletes recently when it announced its "1999 Academic All-State" teams, which honored students that excelled in both athletics and academics.

The Birmingham News selected the "Academic All-State" team in various sports, and all team members were nominated by the state's high school coaches, who received mailed solicitations from the newspaper seeking nominations.

Only juniors and seniors who maintained at least a 3.30 grade point average during the past school year were eligible, and the students also had to play an integral role in the success of at least one athletic team.

More than 1,100 student-athletes were nominated, with 288 chosen by The News' Sports staff for the all-state teams. The News depended on coaches' nominations and could not consider a student-athlete that was not nominated.

Half of the students selected had a 4.0 or better GPA, and 16 graduated as valedictorians. Eighty-one had ACT scores of 30 or higher, or SAT scores of 1,500 or higher.

GPA's over 4.00 were possible due to students taking advanced placement and honors courses, and all GPA's were reported by the schools.

Area student-athletes named "Academic All-State" included:

**BASEBALL** - Justin Rolling, Laverne, Infielder, Senior, 4.00; Matthew Hendrix, G.W. Long, Infielder, Senior, 3.80;

**BOYS BASKETBALL** - Derrick Wright, Goshen, Guard, Senior, 3.54; Sebastian Heersink, Houston Academy, Forward, Senior, 3.83; Paul Little, Pleasant Home, Forward, Senior, 4.00;

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** - Gwen Jackson, Etufaula, Forward, Senior, 3.50; Wendy Harris, Ashford,

Guard, Senior, 4.00.

**FOOTBALL** - John Wells, Andalusia, Back, Senior, 4.13; Chris Martin, Geneva, Lineman, Senior, 4.57; Ricky Green, Dale County, Lineman, Senior, 4.12; **Kellen Cole, New Brockton, Back, Junior, 3.80;** Chris Cook, Red Level, Back, Junior, 4.00; Thomas Monk, Highland Home, Back, Senior, 3.30; Josh Burkett, Sanson, Lineman, Senior, 4.00; **Pate Harrison, New Brockton, Junior, Lineman, 3.77;** DeMario Wiley, Brantley, Back, Junior, 3.60; Alan Compton, Brantley, Senior, Lineman, 4.00; Keith Damsinger, G.W. Long, Senior, Lineman, 3.52.

**SOFTBALL** - Tiffany Martin, Slocomb, Senior, Infielder, 3.80.

**VOLLEYBALL** - Britany Mobley, New Brockton, Junior, Outside Hitter, 3.84; **Allie Sunblin, Kinston, Senior, Middle Hitter, 4.00.**

### Elba "16 and Under" girls All-Stars to compete in Gadsden at ARPA state

The Elba Girls Softball League's "16 and Under" All-Stars will hit the road this weekend to compete in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association State Softball Tournament, in Gadsden.

The Elba All-Stars earned a state tournament berth with a runner-up finish in the ARPA District 26 Tournament, held on June 26, in Enterprise.

In District competition, Elba's Stars claimed wins over Enterprise 11-1 and Laverne 8-3, while falling

to Andalusia 5-2 and 4-3. Team members include Melissa Mularz, Casey Skinner, Britany Mobley, Raean McCollough, Rachel Bludworth, Michelle Lewis, Katie Vaughan, Roshanda McKinnon, Lukiya Flowers, Denise Cooper, Kristen Bowdoin, Tara Grant, Leslie Stinson and Aubretta Williams.

The double-elimination tournament will begin on Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday.



**HILL LARY HOOKS** is shown with 50 pounds of catfish he caught on a recent Saturday morning. He was fishing in a private pond in New Brockton and caught this nice mess of fish in just a short time. Before this photo made it to print, Mr. Hooks was back in the newspaper office telling a fish story of even greater success! The second fishing expedition was also in a private pond, but closer to home. He reports using a big pole, strong line and steel leaders and the help of a friend with a net to land some of those lunkers on the second trip.

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The Coffee County Board of Education is seeking applicants for an assistant basketball coach at Kinston High School. This will be a part-time position. Duties will include providing assistance in coaching both girls and boys basketball. Candidate will be expected to assume all duties relative to the position during the months required for practice and regular season play. Candidate must possess a valid Alabama teaching certificate in any secondary endorsement. Experience in coaching will be considered in determining selection for employment. Salary will be commensurate with supplements approved on the Coffee County School System's salary schedule.

For an application or more information contact:

**Rodger K. Bowden, Superintendent**  
Coffee County Board of Education  
400 Reddock Hill Road  
Elba, Alabama 36323  
(334)897-5016

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 12:00 noon.

In addition to completion of the application, a resume, college and university transcripts, a copy of a valid Alabama Teachers Certificate, and live references will be required.

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### Consumers cautioned to avoid deadly grilling dangers

Product Safety Commission (CPS) is releasing safety tips for using charcoal and gas grills, and reminding consumers of two recalls of gas grills.

In November 1998, CPSC and Sunbeam Products Inc. recalled for repair about 80,000 Grillmaster gas grills with side burners. The side burner's propane gas hose on these grills can twist up toward the aluminum casing of the grill, causing overheating and melting of the hose. Gas leakage or a fire could result from the hose damage. To get a free repair kit or for more information, call Sunbeam toll-free at (888) 892-8150 anytime.

In May 1999, CPSC and Kmart announced a recall of about 40,000 Tri-Burn Portable LP Gas Grills because their burner manifolds can separate during use and ignite nearby combustibles. For more information, call Kmart toll-free at (800) 63KMAT anytime.

#### Charcoal Grill Safety Tips

Each year, there are about 20 deaths from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and more than 300 emergency room treated injuries from CO poisoning resulting from charcoal grills. Charcoal produces CO when burned. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments.

To reduce these CO poisonings, CPSC is offering the following safety tips:

• Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers.

• Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.

• Since charcoal produces CO until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.

• Liquid petroleum (LP) gas or propane, used in gas grills, is extremely flammable. Each year more than 500 fires occur when people use gas grills and about 20 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions. Many of these fires and explosions occur when consumers first use a grill that has been left idle for a period of time or just after refilling and reattaching the grill's gas container.

To reduce these risks, consumers should:

• Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.

• Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

• Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.

• Replace scratched or nicked containers, which can eventually leak gas.

• If you detect a gas leak, immediately turn off the gas at the tank and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.

• Keep lit cigarettes, matches, or open flames away from a leaking grill.

• Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, carport, porch, or under a surface that can catch fire.

• When lighting the grill, keep the top open. If the grill does not light in first several attempts, wait 5 minutes to allow gas to dissipate.

• Never attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.

• Consumers should use caution when storing LP gas containers. Always keep containers upright. Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill. Never store a full container indoors. Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

To avoid incidents while transporting LP gas containers, consumers should transport the container in a secure, upright position. Never keep a filled container in a hot car or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, causing the relief valve to open and allowing gas to escape.

CPSC worked with the industry to develop a new voluntary standard to prevent LP gas leaks. Grills meeting this standard will shut themselves off if a gas leak occurs.

### Safety Commission and retail stores announce swimming pool Dive Stick recall because of risk to children

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and 15 firms are announcing the recall of more than 19 million dive sticks used in swimming pools.

In shallow water, children can fall or land on a dive stick and suffer rectal or vaginal impalement. Facial and eye injuries also are possible when children attempt to retrieve the sticks under water. According to CPSC Chairman Ann Brown, these dives sticks are dangerous and should not be used.

CPSC knows of six impalement injuries to children 6 to 9 years old. Although the number of reported incidents is relatively low, the severity of the injuries that have occurred is very significant. Three of the children suffered rectal and three suffered vaginal impalements from dive sticks placed in backyard pools or, in one case, a hot tub. In four of the six inci-

dents, the injuries that occurred required surgery and hospitalization. The facial injury occurred when a child bobbed down to retrieve a dive stick and lacerated her face just below her eye, requiring stitches.

The dive sticks being recalled are hard plastic and are either cylinder-shaped or shark-shaped. When dropped into water, the dive sticks sink to the bottom of a pool and stand upright so that children can swim or dive down and retrieve them. The cylinder-shaped plastic sticks measure

about 4 to 8 inches long and about 1 inch or less in diameter. The shark-shaped plastic sticks measure about 7 inches long and

have an egg-shaped bottom. The sticks come in a variety of colors. Most are packaged in kits of three to six sticks, and some are packaged with other pool diving games.

The dive sticks have been sold at grocery, drug, pool and discount department stores nationwide for about \$4 to \$7 per set under numerous brand names, most of which do not appear on the dive stick itself. Consumers should stop using dive sticks immediately and throw them out.

Depending on the sticks owned, consumers can receive a refund, replacement or repair.

Dive sticks reported by the CPSC were sold by Florida Pool, Wal-mart and Poolmaster.

CPSC urges anyone who is aware of injuries with dive sticks or who has questions about the recall to call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772.

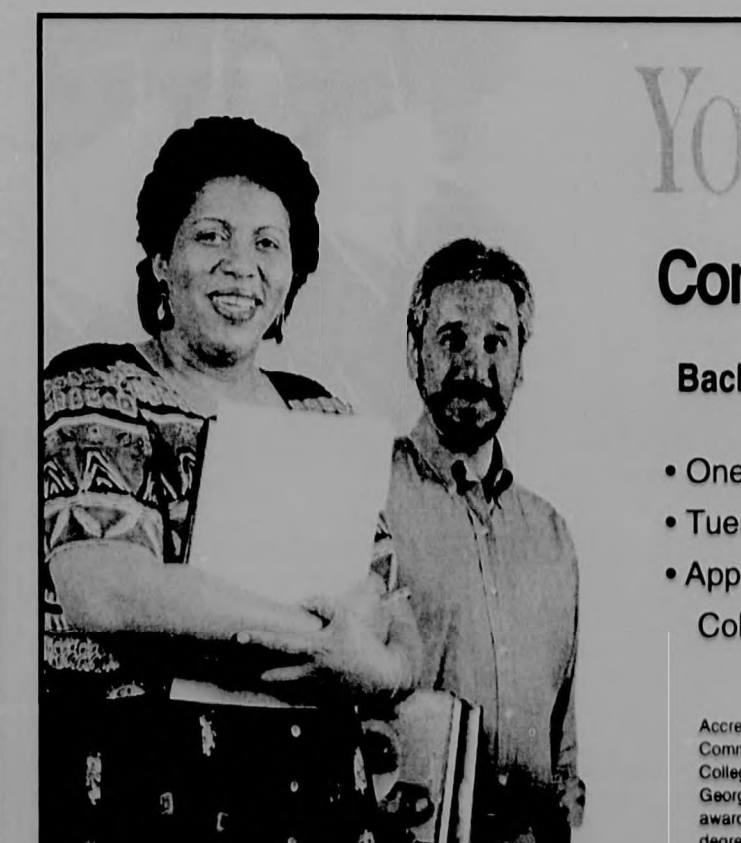
The CPSC staff is recommending to the Commission that it ban the future production and importation of these products.

### Artist discovered at New Brockton Elementary School

Jenna Howell, a sixth grader of New Brockton Elementary School submitted artwork that was selected to be highlighted the month of April in the 2000 Environmental Education Calendar. Miss Howell received a \$100 cash award. Thirteen drawings were selected from over 800 drawings.

Environmental education in Alabama is the key to a more promising tomorrow for our young people. Legacy, Inc., Partners in Environmental Education is a non-profit organization working to create environmentally responsible citizens through education. The 2000 Environmental Calendar Contest is one of the programs made available through the sale of the environmental license tag and corporate sponsorships.

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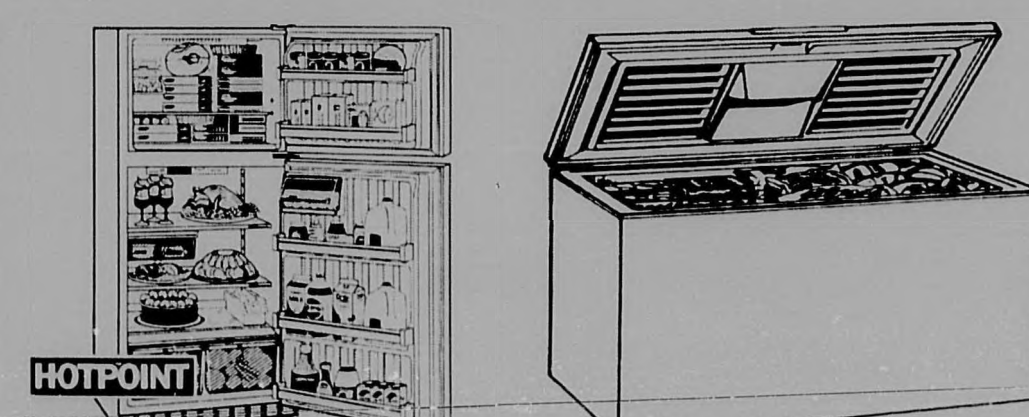
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



About 100 local senior citizens (and a sprinkling of family friends) turned out last Thursday evening for the 4th of July barbecue, hosted by the Elba Senior Citizens Center. The event was moved to the Elba Fire Department building to accommodate the large gathering. Senior Citizens Center staff members decorated the building and the dining tables in patriotic colors and symbols of America's independence. Robert Crowder, district director of the Commission of Aging, which funds the center, was an honored guest. Also present was Senator and Mrs. Jimmy Holley as well as Representative Terry Spicer.



Representative Terry Spicer and Senator and Mrs. Jimmy Holley enjoy a laugh while eating with the Senior Citizens last Thursday night.

## The Great Smokies Mountains are the Cherokee Indian's Treasure

For untold centuries before Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and his troops moved into the southern mountains of the Appalachian range in 1540, the Cherokee Nation not only included these mountains but 135,000 square miles of territory.

Ranging from the Ohio River to the North, southward into northern Alabama and Georgia, the Cherokee's land area once encompassed parts of what are now eight states. In addition to Alabama and Georgia their territory included sections of South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky. Today, cities and towns dot the once unpopulated territory of the Cherokee people.

At the time de Soto arrived the Cherokee people numbered only about 25,000 — a very small number compared to the millions who now live on former Cherokee land.

Part of their original homeland was western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee, an area geographically dominated by a mountainous area internationally known as the Great Smoky Mountains.

Today, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians live on 56,000 acres in the heart of the Great Smokies adjacent to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park. To many, including the Cherokee, there is no other place as beautiful as the Smokies.

Geologists have defined the Smokies as a part of the oldest mountains in the world. The Alps and Rockies are "new" mountains according to geologists, their towering rock peaks unworn by nature, unlike the Appalachians. It wasn't the age of these mountains that intrigued the Cherokee but the bluish haze so evident throughout the year "Sho-na-ge" (Land of the Blue Mist) was how the Cherokee named them.

Today, millions of visitors from throughout the world come to enjoy what the Cherokee have experienced for unnumbered generations — the spectacular beauty of the Great Smokies. However, too many people are erroneously led into believing the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and the Great Smoky

Mountains are synonymous and others are convinced that the Great Smokies are located only in Tennessee. As seasoned vacationers to the area know, about 90 percent of the Great Smoky Mountains is stretched throughout the entire western North Carolina area. The other ten-percent is located in the southern corner of Tennessee and northern Georgia, which borders North Carolina.

Sixty percent of the Park's 550,000 acres are in North Carolina while about forty percent are located in Tennessee. "It's truly unfortunate," states David Redman of the Cherokee Tribal Travel and Promotion Office, "that so many people who vacation in the area never experience the breadth and depth of the offerings of the Great Smokies. To truly experience the Smokies, vacationers need to plan several days in the area and design a variety of day-trips throughout, north Georgia, eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. Many excellent sources for obtaining information are available such as the American Automobile Association and several visitor centers in the region, including those operated by the National Park Service."

So many people are misled and misinformed about the Smokies, Redman says. Park statistics show that about 90 percent of the people driving into the Park never stop and leave their car to enjoy a view or a nature trail. Within the confines of the Park there are more species of trees and plants than on the whole of the European continent. Nine hundred miles of hiking trails have been developed within the borders of the Park to transport people into this wonderland of unmatched views, forest and vegetation.

Each season brings a unique touch to the Smokies. Snow-covered peaks in the winter; floral wonderland in the spring; cool temperatures and thick vegetation in the summer; and spectacular colors in the fall.

Visitor information can be obtained by contacting the following sources: Cherokee Visitor Center, P.O. Box 460, Cherokee, NC 28719 (800) 438-1601 Smoky Mountain Hotel, 4437 Georgia Rd., Franklin, NC 28734 (800) 432-4678

## Choose the right lawn grass to maintain an ideal home lawn

Stan Windham, County Agent

The key to an attractive, serviceable lawn is choosing a grass best adapted to your site and conditions. Now is a good time to plan for summer home lawn planting. Suitable lawn grasses are available for most home sites in Coffee County, but several questions should be answered before making a final choice.

Let's take a look at the summer lawn grasses. You can take your choice of the zoysia grasses, hybrid bermuda grasses, common bermuda, centipedegrass and St. Augustine grasses.

If the lawns will be used for a recreation area where children play football, baseball and other games, your best choice is one of the hybrid bermuda grasses. Hybrid bermudas are established with sprigs and require practically full sun for good growth. The bermudas will stand quite a bit of traffic or wear and recover rapidly. Also, they spread

fast after springing. Common bermuda is established by seed but does not form a dense sod like the hybrids.

The zoysia grasses grow well in sun and fairly dense shade. If you have pines or other deep rooted trees and want a pretty lawn, consider Matrella, Emerald, or Meyer zoysia grass. Zoysia will stand only light traffic and wear. It recovers slowly. It is established vegetatively with sprigs but can be established with seed. It grows in full sun and part shade. Centipede will stand only light traffic and wear.

St. Augustine grass grows in full sun or fairly dense shade. It will stand only light traffic and wear.

In dense shade or under shallow rooted trees, it is best to use low growing ground cover plants. Some of the most popular are ivy, ajuga, Bigleaf and Little leaf Periwinkle and Liriope.

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## Kleinert's, Inc. acquires brand name of Buster Brown Apparel

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Kleinert's, Inc., one of the nation's leading producers of quality children's wear, has purchased the Buster Brown brand name, trademarks and other assets of Buster Brown Apparel, Inc.

In making the announcement, Jack Brier, chairman of the board of Kleinert's, Inc., said, "I have spent years looking at various business opportunities to combine with our organization and I can tell you that nothing comes closer to the acquisition of Buster Brown Apparel. The brand is an American icon, and to have the chance to build this brand and ensure that its rich history endures is a rare and very special opportunity."

Kleinert's intends to preserve the Buster Brown Apparel name and logo exactly as they are. In addition to the brand name and trademarks, the purchase includes Buster Brown's current inventory and receivables. Other terms of the acquisition, including purchase price, were not disclosed.



Pinkney Sims, Executive Vice President and General Manager, was optimistic about the recent acquisition and said, "This represents an outstanding opportunity to grow our business. The Buster Brown label is a highly important nationwide and we hope to maintain that confidence for the benefit of consumers."

He continued with a statement that this acquisition should be a positive stabilizing of the company's distribution center, which is located in Elba.

More than 50 Buster Brown employees will join Kleinert's staff, which now numbers more than 1,700. Approximately 40 people in the design and merchandising group will relocate to a new facility in Chattanooga, Tenn., while 11 sales personnel will remain at their present locations. Buster Brown maintains sales offices in New York and Dallas. Distribution, general and

administrative functions will be handled at Kleinert's existing 400,000-square-foot facility in Elba, Ala.

According to Brier, Kleinert's plans to "continue to improve the value of the Buster Brown line." The brand will also be more fashionable than it has previously, to keep pace with the growing sophistication of today's kids. Overall, the key word is "value," and it will be our continuing goal to make Buster Brown Apparel the best value in the industry.

"One of the most exciting aspects of the acquisition is the incredible vitality of the Buster Brown Apparel brand," Brier continued. "The past two years have been difficult, but the brand has survived like a champion. Now we're eager to return the business to profitability as quickly as possible, then build on that to make Buster Brown the preeminent brand in the children's apparel industry."

Brier said he expects the Buster Brown line to account for a substantial percentage of Kleinert's sales total in Fiscal Year 2000. He added that the company has begun showing the Buster Brown line for Spring 2000 and that it is being enthusiastically received.

Buster Brown Apparel was founded in 1904 as the Old Stone Fort Hosiery Mill and later that year was renamed Buster Brown Hosiery Mills. Since then, the company has been engaged in the design and manufacture of children's apparel, specializing in sleepwear and activewear for newborns through boys' size 6X and girls' sizes 7 to 10.

Kleinert's, Inc. was founded in 1869 as the I.B. Kleinert Rubber Company and was one of the original public issues on the American Stock Exchange. The company designs, manufactures and markets sleepwear, playwear and sportswear for boys and girls from newborns through age 10. Kleinert's has production facilities in the United States, Honduras, Mexico and Asia, and owns Scott Mills, a textile operation located in Gastonia, N.C., which produces polyester, cotton/polyester blend and cotton and acrylic fabrics for several apparel markets.



**WHITMAN DRUGS IN PERMANENT HOME...**Last Friday morning, the owners of Whitman Drugs, Butch Oggs and his mother, I'Belie, formally opened their "new home" with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Since the flood in 1998, the Whitmans have been in a temporary location on Drayton Avenue. For many, many years the Whitman Drug Store was a landmark on the square in downtown Elba. The new facility is located at 991 AL Hwy. 203 (on the by-pass). Pictured above are the participants in Friday's celebration. They are (l-r): Miss Elba Leslie Stinson, Mart Gray, Doris Matthews, Future Little Miss Nikki Fuller, Pam Driggers, Frances Bradshaw, Elba Mayor James Grimes, Mike Parker, owners Butch Oggs and I'Belie Oggs, Little Miss Elba Courtney Parrish, Jimmy Harrison, Elba Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kaye Whitworth, and Herby McCall.

## Commission awards relocation bids

by Marvin McIlwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission continued its recent trend of short and to-the-point meetings on Monday with the business session lasting less than forty-five minutes, and that included a fifteen minute recess.

Most of the business session consisted of opening bids on moving two dwellings — a house and trailer, and on the paving of Co. Rd. 623.

The bids for moving the two dwellings are part of the hazard mitigation project implemented by the county and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). There were two house moving firms — Hussey & Sons of Elba and Duckey Johnson House Movers, of Grand Ridge, Fla. — that submitted bids on the relocation of the Wayne White residence located on Rt. Hwy. 828 in the Big Creek area. The same two companies also submitted bids on moving the residence of Jewel Turner located at the intersection of Co. Rds. 215 and 221 near Whitewater Creek and Lowry Mill.

Hussey and Sons submitted the low bid on the White residence at \$38,300. The Johnson firm's bid was \$41,306.

On the Turner residence, Duck Johnson House Movers was the low bidder at \$1,700. Hussey bid \$8,000.

During the discussion of the two

bids, the question was asked if Johnson had looked at the Turner residence. Although the Turner residence is basically a mobile home, it has two additions — a porch and an additional room attached to it. Commissioners noted that it will involve more than just moving a mobile home.

Wilson Mobley, county administrator, told the commission members that to his knowledge, no one from the Johnson firm had surveyed the Turner residence.

After the commission voted to award the moving contracts to the lowest bidders, Mobley stated that if for some reason Johnson said he could not move the Turner residence for the bid price, he would report back to the commission for further instructions. It was noted that should that happen, the proper action would probably be to award that move to Hussey.

The paving bid proved to be a much easier task to deal with. Three firms — Couch, Inc. of Dothan; S.A. Graham Company, Inc. of Brundage; and S. & C. Materials & Paving Co. of Troy — submitted bids on the paving of Co. Rd. 623. S.A. Graham Company was awarded the bid. Their bid was the low one at \$120,122.15.

County Engineer Randy Tindell read to the commission a letter from the Town of New Brockton requesting some assistance with a "city hall field."

The request included surveying, designing, grading, etc. for an additional baseball field near the present facility.

During the discussion of the request, several questions arose concerning exactly what was being asked of the county; therefore, the matter was tabled until additional information could be obtained from town officials.

Tindell also presented to the commission a request from Don Parker for a 90-day extension to complete the streets in the Chateau Hills Subdivision. Commissioners granted the request.

While on the subject of subdivisions, the engineer told commissioners that the final plat on Brudleywood Subdivision had been submitted to his office for approval. Tindell told commissioners that the health department had not signed off on the plat; however, they are waiting on paperwork from his office.

He also said the road had not been

completed, but the developer has provided a surety as allowed by the county's subdivision regulations. The county stipulates that the roads and streets will be constructed according to the specifications set forth in the regulations.

Upon the recommendation of the engineer, the commission approved the final plat on Brudleywood.

Finally, the engineer asked that he be allowed to send out bid requests for a small dozer (D-5) to be used at the county landfill. He reminded commissioners that the purchase of this piece of equipment was included in the budget. This request, along with one to send out for pricing on the repair of the landfill's D-6 dozer's undercarriage, was approved by the commissioners.

In general business from the commissioners, Commissioner Robert Stephens requested that the Damascus Senior Citizens Center be allowed to erect a fence around the facility using funds already allocated by the commission was approved. The estimated cost is \$2,000.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple made a motion that the county maintenance department be allowed to construct a 10 foot by 12 foot addition to the voting house at Cool Springs. According to Dalrymple, the estimated cost of the materials is between \$2,500 and \$3,000. He also asked that the project be completed by the next election, and if it could not be done by the maintenance

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## Flood buy-out houses generate income

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council accepted a bid Monday evening and now has some money coming in rather than all going out. The council accepted the bid Monday to purchase one of the FEMA flood buy-out houses. The low bid was \$7,101.00 by Elba native Rachel Rudlock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Hudson. The bid requirements included a requirement that the successful bidder be responsible for cleaning and leveling the lot after removing the house and other buildings. Reportedly the house will be moved to a rural Coffee County location.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth presented a written report on the status of criminal investigations during the month of May. It showed a total of 43 cases, with 37 of those being forgery charges. There were 34 reported arrests in these cases. The highlight of the report was the impressive percentage of cases solved by the department investigators. The City of Elba solved 81% of the reported cases, compared to the state average of 21%. Elba had one rape case and it was solved for a 100% clearance rate, while the state average is only 50%. Elba also

solved 100% of the possession of marijuana cases and 86% of the forgery cases. The state rate on forgery is only 20%.

The two cases where Elba fell short of the state average was in the Theft of Property with one case reported and it remains unsolved plus two cases of breaking and entering of a motor vehicle also remain unsolved.

The chief gave council members a print-out of the monthly statistic report for the members of the department. It showed the officers made ten less traffic arrest, at 61, in June than the previous month. Criminal arrests also dropped by 26 to a total of 40. Warnings issued dropped by a dramatic 66% to only 61 during June. Total miles driven also dropped in June by 3,640 miles. Officers recorded 18,662 miles on patrol cars in the month.

Elba police made six drug arrests and answered 977 calls for service, according to the monthly report. Whitworth also warned council

members that there may be some extra overtime next week as the movie makers will be in town filming commercials on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He also warned there also will be some expected traffic delays during the filming process, but efforts will be made to keep these to a minimum.

A need for purchasing pistols for police officers was also presented to the council. Presently, all policemen furnish their own weapons, but Chief Whitworth explained that recent court rulings make this a less desirable policy. He estimated it will cost about \$9,000 to equip the entire department with a standard weapon, holster, ammo clips and other related gear. Mayor Grimes said they would soon be planning the 1999/2000 budget and would consider this request.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow reported that the firm doing the

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## Coffee County Strategic Plan Draft Ready for Review

County residents were invited to attend public meetings aimed at discussing the issues facing Coffee County as it moves into the next millennium. Major areas considered were agribusiness/agriculture, education, economic development, quality of life, technology and communication, and transportation.

Auburn Extension personnel facilitated at these meetings and recorded the comments and concerns expressed by the participants. Task forces were formed in each area to synthesize and analyze this input before compiling the data into a report format outlining specific goals, objectives and strategies.

"Coffee County residents can be proud of this strategic plan," Stewart said. "A lot of time, effort and thought went into making it the kind of plan that can be put into action."

Almost a year ago, Coffee

## Area Happenings

**AGRICULTURE PAGEANT & TALENT FIND.** The 1999 Coffee County Miss Agriculture Pageant and Coffee County Talent Find will be held July 23, 1999 at Enterprise High School. The pageant is open to all young ladies ages 17-25 and the talent find is open to all young ladies and men ages 17-25. There is no entry fee. For more information or an application contact Betsy Watson at 897-8243, Sharon Caylor at 894-5624 or Holly Watson at 347-3727. The deadline for all applications is Friday (TOMORROW), July 16.

**MATURE DRIVING PROGRAM.** The AARP's 55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by the Coffee County Sheriff Department, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, July 20-21, from 8:00 a.m. until noon in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton. The object of the class is to help improve driver skills and avoid traffic crashes and getting violations. The participants must be 55-years-old or older and the cost is \$8.00 per person. The class is limited to the first 30 individuals to register, and this may be done by calling the Coffee County Sheriff's Office at 894-5535.